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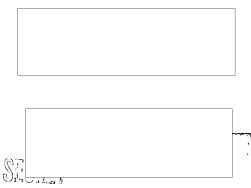
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Attached is the most recent estimate dated 24 January 1984 on Soviet BCW developments.

In general, the thrust of the $\underline{\text{Wall}}$ Street Journal articles is about right, although few technical errors are made. In our view, the articles also miss a few important points--like the extent of the involvement of the Microbiological Industry in military programs--and they give the Soviets credit for a slightly more advanced program than we feel to be the case.

A more detailed Interagency Intelligence Memorandum also is being prepared to provide technical support for the SNIE. It should be published by the NIC sometime late this summer.



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